

APPROVED: Meeting No. 33-97

ATTEST: *Paula Jewell*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
Meeting No. 23-97

May 19, 1997

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Public Hearing in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on June 4, 1996, at 7:40 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Rose G. Krasnow

Councilmember Robert E. Dorsey

Councilmember Robert J. Wright

Councilmember Glennon J. Harrison

ABSENT

Councilmember James T. Marrinan (On Travel)

In attendance: City Manager Rick Kuckkahn, City Clerk Paula Jewell and City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Mayor Krasnow apologized for the late start of the Public Hearing. She explained that the Mayor of Pinneberg, Germany was a guest in her home and she had to get him settled in. Mayor Krasnow then announced that the two Public Hearings would be combined.

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Re: Public Hearing - MAP97-0063 to reclassify 39.6 acres of the Chestnut Lodge property from R-S, Suburban Residential to R-90, One- Family Detached Restricted Residential Zone. Hillrose, L.L.C., Fall Line Company, Chestnut Lodge Research Institute, Inc., and Anthony R. Bullard, Trustee, 15245 Shady Grove Road, Rockville, Maryland 20850, Applicants.

and

Re: Public Hearing - PRU-0019, An exploratory Application for a Planned Residential Unit development on a 39.6 acre portion of the Chestnut Lodge property. Hillrose, L.L.C., 15245 Shady Grove Road, Rockville, Maryland 20850, Applicant.

The Mayor and Council conducted a joint Public Hearing on two related zoning matters: Map Amendment Application MAP97-0063, a reclassification of approximately 39 acres from the R-S Zone to the R-90 Zone for property located at Great Falls Road, opposite Monument Street, and known as "a portion of the Chestnut Lodge Psychiatric Hospital; and Planned Residential Unit Application PRU-0019, an exploratory application for the development of approximately 147 single-family detached residential

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lots located on approximately 39 acres of land located at Great Falls Road, opposite Monument Street, and known as "a portion of the Chestnut Lodge Psychiatric Hospital."

The Mayor and Council heard testimony from 36 persons (including staff and the applicant's presentation; however, excluding speakers who were allowed to testify a second time. The testimony of the speakers can be found in the official stenographic transcript found the Public Hearing of the Mayor and Council. There being no other persons wishing to speak, Mayor Krasnow declared the public hearing closed at 11:00 p.m. and noted that the record on the proposed applications would be left open until close of business on June 16, 1997.

Re: Citizens Forum - This time is set aside to hear from any citizen who wishes to address the Mayor and Council.

1. Margaret Hale, 12903 Atlantic Avenue said that she was a participant in the citizens' protest against the McDonalds restaurant proposed for Veirs Mill Road and Atlantic Avenue. Ms. Hale said that she was appalled at the process which failed to notify her about the Planning Commission's hearing and what she felt was the Board of Appeals and Planning Commission failure to listen to the citizens. She suggested that the Board of Appeals and Planning Commission have available to them during their hearings, an attorney that represented the City. Ms. Hale said that she was not allowed to respond to McDonald's proposal. She also felt that McDonald's and staff did not accurately report the number of accidents at the Veirs Mill Road and Atlantic Avenue intersection.

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Mayor Krasnow thanked Ms. Hale for her comments and informed her that the City was planning to review the notification process and the idea of providing City attorneys at Planning Commission meetings.

2. Roger Gruel, 5703 Crawford Drive also expressed the community's ongoing concern about the queuing of traffic and the safety of pedestrians at the intersection of Veirs and Atlantic Avenue. Mr. Gruhl said that he had been a participant in the City's Visioning efforts, and he did not feel that McDonald's proposal was for the resident's health, safety and well-being. Regarding the State's proposal to install cameras on Twinbrook Parkway, Mr. Gruhl said that cameras were more desperately needed at Atlantic Avenue. He said that Atlantic Avenue had enough to deal with as a result of the Dairy Queen, the 24-hour pool hall, and the 7-Eleven.

The Mayor and Council asked that staff look into the following issues:

- The plans for installation of a camera at Veirs Mill Road.
- Determine whether a survey of accidents and general traffic counts was conducted on Atlantic Avenue. Staff should get a report of the traffic conditions on Atlantic Avenue and an idea of what they would be like with the addition of McDonalds. Staff should also obtain traffic counts at the intersections of Atlantic Avenue at Mooreland and at Atlantic Avenue and Crawford Drive.

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Re: Correspondence

There being no matters to discuss under "Correspondence," Mayor Krasnow declared this portion of the meeting closed.

Re: New Business

There being no matters to discuss under "New Business," Mayor Krasnow declared this portion of the meeting closed.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:28 p.m., to reconvene in a Public Hearing on the FY 1998 Budget at 7:30 p.m., on May 20, 1997.